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# HUGE BEACH JOB APPROVED

### A Penny for your Thoughts

The Beatles have landed in New York, and Beatlemania seems to be sweeping the nation, so the Pennies photographer asked five Torrance mothers, "What do you think of the Beatles?"

Mrs. Ralph Standridge, 1433 W. 215th St.: "I think they would be all right if they would get a haircut. One of them can sing — don't know his name, but the rest can't sing at all. It will be like any other craze or fad and eventually fade away."

Mrs. Robert Meadows, 21318 Meylar St.: "I think as singers they leave something to be desired. The youngsters like them, but I don't know why. I think the Beatles represent a real challenge to the barbers of America!"

Mrs. Dennis Chojnaeki, 1211 Levinson St.: "I suppose if the kids have to have an idol, they are as good as anybody. But I think a few mothers and fathers should spank a few teenagers for the way they behave when they are listening to the Beatles sing."

Mrs. William Sather, 1502 W. 214th St.: "I missed them on television, but my children thought they were wonderful. My 15-year-old didn't think they were such good singers, but she did enjoy it. They will fade away quickly, just like other fads."

Mrs. Harold Hughes, 21326 S. Dalton Ave.: "I just don't think they will ever put a good singer out of business. My dog has a better haircut than any of the Beatles. Come to think of it, my dog sings as good as they do, too—especially when he hears a siren."

## Proclamation Urges Voters To Register

Mayor Albert Isen called on voters in Torrance to register for the April municipal elections Tuesday evening as he proclaimed the week beginning today as "Torrance Registration Week."

In his proclamation, the mayor noted only 41,902 persons are now registered in a city which has an estimated 80,000 eligible voters.

Voter registration for the April municipal election will close Thursday, Feb. 20, according to City Clerk Vernon W. Coil.

Coil said registration lists are purged after every general election and the names of persons who failed to vote are removed. Voters must reregister if they wish to vote in the next election.

Registration reports compiled by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan show that 48,715 persons were registered in Torrance in November, 1962. After the election, more than 10,000 of those persons were dropped from the rolls because they failed to vote.

The City Clerk said only 38,695 persons were registered in January, 1963. Since that time, figures have climbed to 40,038.

COIL SAID persons falling into any of the following classes must register before the Feb. 20 deadline in order to be eligible to vote in April:

- Those persons who have changed their names or addresses since they last registered;
- Persons who wish to change their political affiliation;
- Voters whose registration was cancelled because they failed to vote in the general election in November, 1962, and have not registered since that cancellation;
- Persons who have reached the age of 21 and have not yet registered; and,
- New residents of Los Angeles County.

TO BE ELIGIBLE to register, voters must be 21 years of age and residents of the county for at least 90 days. Registered voters must have lived in California for one year prior to their registration and be able to read.

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BIGGER BEACH... Torrance Beach, part of which is shown here, will be widened to about 150 feet as part of a soil erosion program voted by the federal government. County supervisors appropriated \$600,000 this week as their share of the costs of a program which will provide 45 more acres of beach land in Redondo and Torrance. The project will involve about 2 million cubic yards of sand. Costing a total of \$2.4 million, the project will create land worth about \$8 million. (Herald Photo)

## \$2.4 Million Project Gets Green Light

Allocation of \$600,000 as the county share of the cost of a beach erosion control program which will create nearly 45 acres of new beach in the Redondo Beach-Torrance area has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

The supervisors acted on motion of Burton W. Chace in declaring their intention to budget the funds in the 1964-65 fiscal year. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$2.4 million, to be shared by the state, county, and federal governments.

The project will create beach land worth an estimated \$7.8 million. It will increase the beach area between Redondo Beach and Malaga Cove in Palos Verdes by more than 300 per cent.

THE PROJECT was authorized by Congress, which authorized \$1.2 million as the federal share. The state has appropriated its share, and county action this week cleared the decks for immediate planning.

More than 1.7 million cubic yards of sand and nearly 35,000 tons of rock will be moved once construction begins. The project will widen Redondo Beach, Clifton Beach, and Torrance Beach from 50 to 150 feet.

Details of the construction work will be worked out by County Engineer John A. Lambie in cooperation with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Water Resources.

PRESENT beaches contain 10.8 acres of usable area. That will be increased by 44 acres, bringing the total useable beach area to 54.8 acres.

The program, authorized by a public law 780, adopted by the Congress last year, is designed to control erosion of the beach front. Details of the project will be worked out immediately and the program is expected to begin soon, according to Chace.

The action this week ended several studies initiated by Chace. Supervisors Kenneth Hahn and Warren Dorn commended Chace for his leadership throughout the studies.

## Firemen Soak Burning Wire Insulations

Firemen extinguished a blaze in a quantity of rubber insulated copper wire Sunday night in a field near Van Ness and Del Amo.

Someone apparently used small bits of wood and possibly other flammable material to set fire to the wire, according to Capt. Stan Sellers of the fire department.

The rubber insulation had been burned away, leaving the copper and lead insulation apparently in an attempt to salvage metal, the captain added.

The copper wire had been removed from a spool and placed in the center of a field near the railroad tracks which run south along the east fence of Reynolds Aluminum. Three juveniles were seen in the field just before the fire department arrived upon the scene.

## Two Enter April Race For Council

Two candidates have officially entered the race for city council seats which will be up for grabs in the April 14 municipal election. Voters will elect three councilmen in the balloting.

Nomination papers for William Faren and David K. Lyman have been returned to City Clerk Vernon W. Coil. In addition, papers have been taken out by Victor E. Benstead Jr., George Vico, Owen A. Silverman, John Barton, Nicholas O. Drale, James Hazlip, Nicholas "Nick" Fuscardo Sr., and Thirvin D. Fleetwood. Papers also were taken out by Jane L. Hogue, who said the candidate would be Roger "Pat" Hogue.

Papers may be obtained from Coil at City Hall and must be returned by noon, Feb. 20.

## Hearing Set On Boundary For Lomita

A hearing on the proposed boundaries of the city of Lomita will be held before the Board of Supervisors at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20. The hearing will be held in room 381 of the Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St.

Proposed boundaries of the 1.8-square-mile city are the city of Torrance on the north, city of Los Angeles on the east, Palos Verdes Drive North on the south side, and the Torrance and Rolling Hills Estates lines on the west.

Proponents of the move to incorporate Lomita are hopeful the hearing will clear the way for an election on the question.

## School Board Backs New Drive on State Support

Trustees of the Torrance Unified School District endorsed a petition drive calling for \$100 million additional state support for the public schools at a special meeting Monday morning.

In adopting the resolution urging local residents to sign the petitions, the board added a reservation saying it supports the project "recognizing the amount is inadequate to achieve the minimum goal of 50 per cent state support" for the public schools.

The reservation was added after several board members expressed that their plans to seek a constitutional amendment requiring the state to provide 50 per cent support might fall by the wayside if the current measure is successful.

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(Total Opportunity in Public Schools), the drive has the backing of the California Teachers Assn., the California Assn. of School Administrators, the Elementary School Principals Assn., and the California School Employees Assn. Petitions will be circulated by employees of the district and persons who wish to secure the signatures of 10 or 20 persons. All petitions circulated in Torrance will be stamped with the reservation of the Torrance board.

Deadline for submitting the petitions is Feb. 20. Residents who sign them will be asked to sign two copies, one of which will be sent to State Senator Thomas Rees. The second copy will be sent to assemblymen representing Torrance.

DURING discussion of the item, several board members

said the local board will continue to seek a wide base of support for the initiative constitutional amendment which would require the legislature to provide a minimum of 50 per cent of the support needed for the public schools. Addition of the \$100 million will bring the state level of support back to the 1962-63 level of about 38 per cent, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. He said \$117 million will be needed this year to maintain current ratios.

## Trial of Isen May End Soon

Testimony in the trial of Mayor Albert Isen on misdemeanor drunk driving charges is expected to be concluded today or tomorrow with Isen possibly taking the stand in his own defense today, the HERALD has been informed. The trial, which began in Compton Municipal Court last Wednesday, has heard a series of witnesses testify about the (Continued on Page 2)

## Bennett Moves Retirement Up

Police Chief Percy G. Bennett, who announced Friday that he planned to retire as of next July, moved the date up this week to March 16, the end of his currently accrued sick leave and vacation.

Chief Bennett, who has been a member of the Torrance Police Department since 1932, has been in ill health in recent years, and has given health as the reason for his retirement.

## Major Heart Drive Opens Today

Operation S.O.S. of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn. will begin its full-scale assault on smoking, obesity, and stroke throughout the southwest area today, with Heart Fund volunteers reinforcing the heart neighbors.

Heart volunteers will begin visiting their neighbors today and continue the drive through Sunday. The weekend has been designated Heart Sunday Weekend throughout the county.

The volunteers will leave a leaflet containing seven simple steps to happy living with a healthy heart with all neighbors. The leaflet also points out that 70 per cent of all funds collected here will be spent locally to speed the con-

trol of all heart and blood vessel disorders. Although dramatic progress has been made during the past few years, the fact remains that deaths from heart and blood vessel disorders account for 55 per cent of all deaths. Local heart neighbors also will give each family an opportunity to contribute to the future research, education, and community services of the Heart Assn. The research will attack three major targets — smoking, obesity, and stroke.

Mrs. William C. Field of Rolling Hills is general chairman for the southwestern region. She has appealed to all residents to give generously when the heart fund neighbor calls.

All volunteers will be able to turn in collections at the

United California Bank in Torrance from 7 to 9 o'clock. More than 1,100 volunteers have been signed up for the weekend drive.

More than \$7,500 was collected last year in the Torrance area, and volunteers hope to collect substantially more during the weekend.

Area chairmen for the southwestern region are: Mrs. Belva S. Brase, Torrance; Mrs. Sylvia Zankich, Wilmington; Mrs. Ben R. Phillips, Gardena; and Mrs. Florence Broad, Harbor City and Lomita.

Torrance division chairmen include: Mrs. Henry Graes, 115 Via Los Miradores; Mrs. Shirley Leetz, 23820 Park St.; Mrs. F. N. Mishler, 1608 Iris Ave.; Mrs. Loren Oden, 2712 W. 175th St.; Mrs. Martha Shook,

5403 Sara Drive; Mrs. William Sloan, 5030 Sharynne Lane; Mrs. Owen C. Smart, 1834 Santa Fe Ave.; Mrs. Phillip Weinstein, 21234 Ladeen St.; and Mrs. Charles E. Yost, 17030 Atkinson Ave.

As part of the month-long Heart Assn. activities, the association has a display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park on smoking and health.

When the neighborhood volunteer finds no one at home, she will leave an addressed envelope which local residents may use to send contributions to the Heart Assn. Residents who do not see a volunteer or do not get an envelope may send gifts to the Los Angeles County Heart Assn., 2405 W. Eighth St., Los Angeles, 90057

## Rites for Merchant Set Today

Torrance businessman M. L. (Mike) Fenwick, who operated a shoe repair business in downtown Torrance for a quarter of a century, died at a Torrance hospital Sunday.

Born Michael Lawrence Fenwick on March 6, 1892, Mr. Fenwick came to Torrance 26 years ago to open a shoe repair shop. He and his wife, Adeline, lived at 1418 1/2 Marcelina Ave. in quarters over the long-established shoe business.

During his many years in Torrance, Mr. Fenwick was an active booster of civic projects, and was an avid fan of local sports teams. He often traveled as far as San Diego or San Bernardino to watch a Torrance High School football game, and was always a sideline at games played here.

HE WAS AN active sponsor of athletic teams in the city for many years, and many city champs in basketball and other amateur sports wore Fenwick colors.

Mr. Fenwick, although ailing, kept active until recent weeks. He was a member of the Torrance Elks Lodge, a long time member of the Torrance Police Reserve, and former member of the Torrance Rotary Club.

Holy Rosary was recited last evening at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today at the Catholic Church of the Nativity. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Fenwick is survived by two brothers, Hugh Celestion Fenwick of Redondo Beach and Henry Ernest Fenwick of Indiana; and two sisters, Margaret Fenwick of Los Angeles and Nancy Odetta Hart of Kentucky.

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